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OLD WASHBURN HOMESTEAD

BRUSH FACTORY VILLAGE

This article was originally written by J. Frank Bancroft forty-nine years ago for the 1901 V. I. A. ANNUAL. The italic print has been inserted to bring it up to date. The Brush Factory stood at the corner of Middlesex and Farwell Roads, next to the home of Edward A. D. Moss.

About two hundred and forty years ago, the General Court of Massachusetts Bay granted a tract of land containing 700 acres "in the wilderness lying on the west side of the Merrimac River, north of, and adjoining Chelmsford's last grant," to Samuel Cole of Boston and Edward Johnson of Woburn.

Four hundred acres of this land was for Cole, who was to have his choice of situation, and the remainder to Johnson, to pay him for selecting and laying out the same. Samuel Cole was the landlord of the famous Green Dragon Tavern in Boston and Captain Edward Johnson, author of that quaint history of New England, "Wonder-Working Providence of Zion's Saviour."

The "Chelmsford's last grant" was what afterward became the Tyng Farm. Cole selected the portion of this grant that lay between the Tyng Farm and Washburn's brook, and running back from the river, near the road *Locust Ave.* from the Brush Factory to Henry Upton's house *Percy Richardson's* crossing Dunstable road *Kendall road* to near the Calvin Cummings' farm *Arthur Hunter's*.

This was a very strong 400 acres, but land was cheap, and surveyors not over particular.

Johnson's 300 acres lay north of this, embracing the remainder of Tyngsboro on the river.

It took three years to get the grant into shape, and it was finished and the survey of Jonathan Danforth had been accepted by the Court in May 1662.

(This ad appeared in the 1901 V. I. A. Annual)

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TYNGSBORO, MASS.

Some time later, John and Cornelius Waldo of Chelmsford bought the Cole farm and the lower portion was improved, but we hear of no settlement being made in the northern part until Joseph Farwell and Oliver Coburn of Concord bought the farm in 1699.

Shortly after, they divided it and Coburn built the house or one on the same site as that now owned by Miss Rebecca Holden, *Miss Elsie Parkhurst's* Farwell himself settling where A. M. Swain now lives *Alfred Markus's*. In 1765, Eleazer Farwell, a descendant of Joseph, sold part at the Brush Factory to Nathaniel Holden of Woburn, who at once built him a house and a blacksmith shop, the former a little north of J. J. Robeson's house *Hugh Goodrich's*, at the foot of Moose Hill, and the latter by the side of the brook in what is now Washburn's lower pond *now a brook*. He was a man of sterling integrity, and soon gained the esteem of his fellow townsmen, who elected him to the various offices of trust in both town and church affairs. At the breaking out of the Revolutionary War, he joined the company of Dunstable Minute Men starting from Lexington on April 19, 1775.

A little incident that occurred at that time shows the character of the man. Some one in the company, as they drew near the scene of the engagement, proposed giving up the object for which they started, and going back. "Go back?" said he, "Go back! Yes, go back, if you are afraid; we want no cowards here."

He served in the Dunstable company during much of the war, both as lieutenant and captain, and in those troublous times was chosen as one of the "Committee of Inquiry."

In 1798, with his son Nathaniel, he built the house *Edward A. D. Moss's* now owned and occupied by his great granddaughter, Mrs. Josephine Wilson Coburn, where he resided until his death in 1817. Though not a Justice of the Peace, he probably settled more disputes and quarrels among his neighbors than any one holding that commission in this vicinity, which earned him the soubriquet of "Peacemaker Holden."

Jonathan Holden, son of Captain Nathaniel, built the first shop on the site of the present Brush Factory, and opened a general blacksmith business, making and repairing farming tools. The iron work of the old fashioned wooden plows, together with hoes and forks, those cumbersome flat-tined tools, of his manufacture, are still to be found in the neighborhood. His house stood on the same side of the road and a little north of the shop. In a few years he sold out the property to Daniel Ingalls and removed to Maine. Ingalls put a triphammer in the shop and commenced making edge tools—scythes, draw-shaves, axes, etc. This industry was later removed to Nashua, N. H. and developed into the Edgeville Tool Company.

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OFFICERS OF THE V. I. A.

Mr. Reginald B. Vernet, *President*Mr. Chester H. Queen, *First Vice-President*Mr. Bertram R. Currier, *Second Vice-President*Miss Anna F. Elliott, *Clerk and Corresponding Secretary*Mr. Roscoe C. Turner, *Treasurer*Mr. Raymond W. Sherburne, *Auditor**Executive Committee*

Mr. Leroux Dupuis	1950	Mrs. Leroux Dupuis	1950
Mr. Curtiss L. Lustig	1951	Mrs. Curtiss L. Lustig	1951
Mr. Robert D. Lambert	1952	Mrs. Robert D. Lambert	1952

Report of the Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Village Improvement Association was held in the lower town hall on November 14th, 1949, at half past seven, preceded by a bountiful turkey shortcake supper.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Clarence A. Carlin. Read and accepted were reports of the Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, Executive Committee, and Playground Committee.

The nominating committee, John Riley, James Woodward and Harvey Pineo, presented the following list of officers for the coming year:

President: Reginald Vernet
 1st Vice President: Chester H. Queen
 2nd Vice President, Bertram R. Currier
 Clerk and Corresponding Secretary: Anna F. Elliott
 Treasurer: Roscoe C. Turner
 Auditor: Raymond W. Sherburne
 Executive Committee for three years:
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Lambert

As directed, the clerk cast one ballot and the entire slate was declared elected.

Under "New Business" the clerk was directed to set aside a page in the records in memory of Gertrude M. Bell, Fred L. Snow, William J. A. Bailey, and Enlo A. Perham. The flowers on the head table were an added tribute to these deceased members.

Routine business only was transacted at the meeting.

The speaker of the evening, Police Chief Eliot Clark of Groton, gave an interesting and informative talk on "The Police and the Public." Other guests were Dr. and Mrs. William F. Slade and the Reverend Joseph H. Giunta. Both clergymen spoke briefly.

Anna F. Elliott, Clerk

Executive Committee Report

The V. I. A. Executive Committee consists of the following members: Mr. and Mrs. Leroux Dupuis, Mr. and Mrs. Curtiss L. Lustig, and Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Vernet. The meetings were held at the home of the chairman, Mr. Dupuis.

A successful fair was held on April 7 and 8. A three-act comedy was presented both nights under the direction of Mr. George Schoot. On the second night a ham dinner was served under the direction of the committee.

Clean-up days were sponsored in both spring and fall under the supervision of Mr. Conrad Sargent.

Treasurer's Report for Year Ending Oct. 31, 1949

RECEIPTS

Balance November 1, 1948	\$ 523.10
Membership Dues	64.00
Advertising 1947 V. I. A. Annual	5.00
Advertising 1948 V. I. A. Annual	8.00
Advertising 1949 V. I. A. Annual	170.50
From Tickets and sale of Food Annual Meeting 1948	41.50
From Annual Fair April 7, 8, 9:	
Novelty Table	\$ 17.62
Candy Table	49.91
Farmer's Table	27.74
Children's Table	13.85
Fancy Table	43.36
Supper (1 night)	69.88
Door (2 nights)	166.75
Flower Table	35.86
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	424.97
Interest on Savings Deposits	4.22
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	\$1,241.29
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PAYMENTS

Donation to P. T. A.	\$ 50.00
Annual Banquet November 1948	78.10
Fall Clean up Day 1948	19.50
Spring Clean up Day 1949	23.50
Fall Clean up Day 1949	21.00
Share in wiring Christmas Tree at Town Hall	13.00
Printing V. I. A. Annual 1949	192.00
Photograph of Massapoag Lake for Annual Paper	10.00
Service charge, checking acct.	3.87
Postage	1.66
Expense of Annual Fair April 7, 8, 9:	
Misc. Expense	\$ 20.35
Play Books	10.56
Royalty on Play	20.00
Revenue Tax on Door receipts	28.29
Supper supplies	54.00
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	133.20
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Total Payments	545.83
Cash Balance	695.46
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	\$1,241.29
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Total assets as follows:

Union Nat. Bank Checking Acct.	\$215.13
Union Nat. Bank Savings Acct.	138.50
Lowell Inst. for Savings	193.83
U. S. Bond purchased June 14, 1941 at cost	148.00
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	\$695.46
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Respectfully submitted,

Roscoe C. Turner

Treasurer

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

November 7, 1949

I have examined the account and find it correct and cash balance as stated.

(Signed) Raymond W. Sherburne

Auditor

The Ladies Aid Alliance, First Baptist Church

The activities of the Ladies Aid Alliance of the First Parish Church have been carried on this year with the usual success and profit. Business aid program meetings were held each month, excepting July and August, with all day sewing meetings as needed. The May Breakfast and Christmas Sale were the outstanding events, with covered dish suppers and the Christmas Party in between. Table space, at the Antique Show held in the Town Hall in June, was given through the courtesy of the sponsor, Mrs. Boucher.

The social Service committee has extended a helping hand in cases brought to its attention.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. James Woodward

First Parish Church

The people of the First Parish Church, though small in number, have continued to carry out the tradition of the optimistic in religion.

It has been felt with sincerity the words of Jesus, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I also." The actual membership is small—which brings up another bit of scripture which is pertinent to these good people—"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful in that which is great."

The religious emphasis of the First Parish is simply to do the best that is individually possible in the proper local situations. Growth of personality as well as the development of mankind to something better than has been, is the basis of the idea that keeps our people together.

In a world in which all seems lost and in which people search for any kind of an oasis, the people of the First Parish stand steadfast in their faith in the future of the human race; confident in the dream that the kingdom of God can be fulfilled in the here and now.

Evangelical Church

The Evangelical Congregational Church of Tyngsboro has had a successful year. Several new families have become attendants at the Sunday services. Twenty-three persons united with the church. The minister performed fourteen wedding ceremonies, baptized twenty-two infants, conducted twenty-seven funeral services. The Sunday School, with a splendid group of twelve teachers, has had an increased attendance. A new venture this year has been a bus service to collect the Sunday School folks from across the river. More than forty have made use of the bus. The Pilgrim Fellowship, a group of high school young people, have met on Monday evenings at the church. The attendance has increased since last year from twenty to twenty-six. Miss Janet Clarke directs the meetings and activities of the group. Miss Betty Hastings is President.

The kitchen has been enlarged; new lighting, and a gas hot water heater have been installed. The lower vestry has been enlarged to double its former size so that it extends under the whole church. This improvement was accomplished by gifts of \$500 and volunteer work given by fifty persons.

The communion set has been enlarged by the purchase of three trays, together with a base and cover, at an expense of \$91.

Maroon choir robes are now worn by the choir. Twenty robes were purchased by the choir for \$250. As usual the "Messiah" and the Spring Concert were presented by the choir.

The Baked Bean and Salad suppers, served every third Saturday, a church tradition for many years, reached a peak attendance of 135.

One of the surprising incidents was the Christmas Eve service held at 11 o'clock. Seventy-nine people were present.

The two women's organizations are a great asset in carrying on the work of the church.

William F. Slade.

The Church

Whenever there is resentment, spite and hate, the church insists upon forgiveness as a condition of a happy life. In the presence of worry, anxiety and fear the church emphasizes faith, a child-like trust in God who is powerful enough, nice enough and cares enough to take care of us.

The church encourages those who have failed to make the failure a stepping-stone to greater success, preaching always another chance. The sad are inspired with a vital hope of reunion through immortality that takes the sting from death.

The ministry of the church on behalf of the sick, invalids and shut-ins is one of good cheer and often of cure through the prayer of faith. The weak in mind and body are reminded of the power greater than themselves, ever ready to help to a renewal of strength. The victims of guilt are freed from the burden of past wrong experience and saved from nervous and mental breakdown.

It seems a pity that so many people identify the church with a building or with the people who gather in it for worship. Under whatever name associated with it, God, Christ the Holy Spirit, the over-soul, the super-consciousness, or what-not, the church mediates a spiritual influence that makes life happier and more prosperous.

William F. Slade

Ladies Social Circle of the Evangelical Church

There were ten meetings held, with an average attendance of thirteen. Three meetings were held at the church, two at the Town Hall, and seven at different homes. A successful Spring Sale was held at the Town Hall on April 22nd, the Woman's Club putting on the supper and entertainment. The Circle put on the Memorial Day dinner at the Town Hall, and ran five suppers at the church.

A Fall Fair was held at the Town Hall on November 4th. A very delicious supper was put on by Mrs. Ethel Sherburne. The entertainment, in charge of the Woman's Club, consisted of a one act play by the Pinehurst Players and musical numbers.

The officers for the year were:

Mrs. Lillian Pineo, President
Mrs. Ethel Sherburne, Vice-President
Mrs. Edith Bell, Secretary
Mrs. Maude Currier, Treasurer
Mrs. Maude Coburn, Flower Committee
Mrs. Lottie Haley, Mrs. Blanche Coles, and Mrs. Viola Whalen, Directresses.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith M. Bell, Secretary

Evangelical Woman's Club

The record of service and progress of the Evangelical Woman's Club during 1949 has been extremely gratifying. We have a total membership of thirty-six as in the previous year. Several members have moved from town but we gained new ones.

Nine regular meetings were held during the year at homes of members, and the three remaining monthly meetings were in the form of a picnic, men's night, and the Christmas Musicales and Tea.

Our main sources of income have been from five bean suppers held during the year, the Smorgasbord, catering at the Antique Show, entertainment at the Ladies Social Circle Fair, and the sale of "Let's Eat", the cook book published by the Club. Generous sums of money were expended for various benevolences, and the Club was pleased to be able to give the church an additional \$150.00 besides the \$100 pledge. As usual, the main efforts of the Club were directed toward making improvements in the parsonage and church, and toward that end new window shades were installed throughout the parsonage, two storm windows were supplied, and handrails were installed; in the church a hot-water heater was installed, a coffee dripolator was purchased, some silverware and dishes were supplied to use in the enlarged vestry, and various expenses were shared. Members gave generously of their time in helping with the nursery class during church services, in helping to clear the church during Mr. Wheeler's illness, and in rendering other services whenever necessary.

The following officers were elected for 1950:

President: Barbara Lambert
Vice-president: Barbara Spindell
Secretary: Ann Ackroyd
Treasurer: Arline Dupras
Program Chairman: Olive Littlehale
Remembrance Chairman: Blanche Clarke
Finance Chairman: Eleanor Riley

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Allgrove, Secretary

The Tyngsborough Historical Society

The Tyngsborough Historical Society is now ten years old. It was organized for the purpose of collecting and preserving papers, articles and facts of local historic value, of which a surprising number have been gathered. The Society's safe now contains many original maps and documents. From a very small beginning there are now over sixty members. Any resident of Tyngsborough or Dunstable is welcome to come to any meeting. The time, place and subject of each meeting is announced in the *Lowell Sun*.

The program committee plans for each meeting the consideration of some subject connected with the life and times of our forefathers, such as old utensils and tools, antique furniture, glass, china, etc. The members bring whatever they have that bears on the topic and after the speaker has given a general talk, a discussion follows of the particular items brought in, which proves very interesting as well as instructive.

For the last four years in November an exhibit has been arranged at the Littlefield Library to which the school children come accompanied by their teachers.

Besides these activities groups of members especially interested are carrying on research in such subjects as Original Grants and Settlements, Ecclesiastical History, Early District Schools, Development of Economic Changes, and Old Houses. As a result of the latter study the date of the building of many of the older houses in town has been ascertained and markers have been placed on them bearing the date and the name of the original owner.

The officers of the Society for 1950 are as follows:

President: Mrs. Roscoe C. Turner
 Vice-President: Mrs. Chester H. Queen
 Recording Secretary: Mrs. Orrin C. Leonard
 Corresponding Secretary and Historian: Mrs. Frederick D. Lambert
 Treasurer: Mrs. Frederick Derbyshire
 Custodian: Miss Lena M. Coburn
 Trustees: Mrs. Raymond W. Sherburne, Mrs. Chester F. K. Bancroft, Mr. Roscoe C. Turner
 Program Committee: Mrs. Elden I. Staples, Mrs. Franklin Hammond, Mrs. Clarence Morton

Bertha M. Turner.

Report of the Pilgrim Fellowship

The Pilgrim Fellowship began their meetings on September twenty-fifth 1949, with twenty-one attending the first meeting. The group includes boys and girls ranging in the ages of thirteen to nineteen and we have held our meetings on Monday evenings from 7:30 P. M. to 9:30 P. M. The average attendance has been twenty-five.

Our meetings are spent with a devotional period, a business period ending with a recreational period. Also refreshments which have been generously donated by the church members. We certainly appreciate this.

Extra activities have included several bowling parties, a Christmas party, Christmas caroling and a trip to the Ice Capades. This trip to the Ice Capades was made by a chartered bus driven by Mr. Warren Riley and chaperoned by Mrs. Warren Riley and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bell.

Our officers who were selected are the following: President, Miss Betty Hastings; Vice President, Curtis Guild; Secretary, Constance Sargent and Treasurer, James Hastings.

From week to week it is indeed an enjoyable evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Clarke, Director

Red Cross

The response to the local Red Cross Drive for 1949 was most gratifying. We attained our quota of \$500 through the diligent efforts of our workers: Mrs. Henry Ackroyd, Mrs. William Avery, Miss Gertrude Bergeron, Mrs. Martin Betz, Mrs. Arthur Burris, Miss Gladys Chute, Miss Ruth DeCarteret, Miss Ruth Irvin, Mrs. Edward Keyes, Mrs. Henry LaFrance, Mrs. Curtiss Lustig, Jack Lewis, Mrs. Raymond Norton, Miss Pearl Richardson, Miss Melda Sabean and Glenn Wilbur.

The Junior Red Cross of the Winslow School made 200 menus and 400 holiday nut cups for the veterans' hospitals. They also sent 25 overseas gift boxes to children in Europe.

During the past year, Tyngsboro received 31 contacts from the Red Cross Family Service which included emergency financial aid, emergency furloughs, layettes, assistance in compensation claims, and consultation service.

For the benefit of our townspeople who are not already acquainted with all the facilities offered us by our Red Cross, I would like to mention that hospital beds, wheel chairs and crutches are loaned without charge. Most important of all, The Red Cross Blood Bank is now available, without charge, to anyone who applies through his physician or through the Chapter House. They ask only that they receive response when the Blood Mobile requests donations.

Mrs. Charles Coburn, my co-chairman, and I want to express our sincere appreciation to all our workers and contributors and hope our present annual request for funds will be generously met.
 Bernice Sherburne.

The Robert D. Pelletier Post 247 A. L.

Commander: Harvey Pineo
 Senior Vice Commander: Henry LaFrance, Jr.
 Junior Vice Commander: Robert Duff
 Adjutant: George Bell
 Finance Officer: Charles Coburn
 Chaplain: Preston Fay
 Sergeant-at-Arms: Kenneth Dodge
 Historian: Charles O'Coin, Jr.
 Auditor: John Lewis
 Service Officer: William Doyle

Regular meetings are held at the Legion quarters over the fire house, on the first and third Thursdays of each month.
 March 1949-March 1950

The Post's "pet" project, the baseball team, provided the local fans with some very fine games this past summer, and ended the season in second place in the Junior Middlesex County League. A very good showing for their first year in league competition.

The team, comprised of sixteen boys, and managed and coached by Ernest Sweet and Ernest Wilkins will be awarded jackets by the Post in the very near future.

Thanks to several whist parties, a clambake, and a minstrel show, our "building fund" which was started last year, has grown considerably.

Robert D. Pelletier Post No. 427 A. L. Auxiliary

This year Unit 247 Robert D. Pelletier American Legion Auxiliary with a membership of twenty-five did much to help the veterans of the Bedford hospital.

A successful Poppy Day was held in May, proceeds of which were used to purchase thirty-two books titled "Mental Illness, A Guide for the Family". These poppies are made at the Bedford Hospital. The money they receive for this is their own. Twenty-five gifts were sent to the Christmas Gift Shop. A whist party was held in November. Money received from this was used to sponsor a party at Bedford in December.

Joint Installation was held in October with the Legion.

A Halloween party was held for the children of the town in cooperation with the Legion.

We are striving for a larger membership and anyone having a husband, brother, son or father who is a member of some Legion post is eligible to join. If interested they may contact me for application blanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Daisy G. Wilkins, Secretary

March of Dimes

The need for funds for cases of infantile paralysis was far greater this year than ever before, as the number of cases last year far exceeded those of previous years. A committee of ladies to help in raising money for this purpose has been formed, headed by Mrs. Milton Estabrook. They have saved expense by addressing and mailing the containers for the March of Dimes. There has been a gratifying response and at the present time over one hundred ninety dollars has been collected.

Two local cases have been assisted by this fund. George LeMasurier was stricken by this disease and lived only a short time afterwards.

Mrs. Ruth MacAskill has been treated in hospitals at Boston and Middleboro for several months, and although recovery is very slow, she has made good progress.

As chairman for the collection of money from Tyngsborough, I wish to express thanks to those who have assisted, either by service or gifts.

R. W. Sherburne

NECROLOGY

Fred L. Snow

Fred L. Snow, a citizen of this town and well known in this part of Middlesex county, died September 6, 1949 at the age of 83. He was born in Palmer, Mass., the son of Lyman and Maria (Brown) Snow. Maria Brown was related to the famous abolitionist, John Brown. He married Miss Lillian Naylor of Palmer, who survives him. On January 10, 1949 they quietly observed their 65th wedding anniversary. They have a daughter, Myrtle, Mrs. Walden Park of Saranac Lake, N. Y.; a granddaughter, Bernice, Mrs. Maxwell Sherburne, Tyngsborough; and a grandson, Fred Snow Clark, who lives in California.

Mr. Snow worked many years as a textile dyer. He came to Tyngsborough about 1909 when he bought the old Frost House on Frost Road, which he occupied until he built the fine bungalow on the hill across the road. The last few years he lived in the village on Kendall road.

He served many terms as a member of the board of selectmen, board of assessors, and board of public welfare. In 1923 and 1924 he was elected to the state legislature as a representative from the district. He was also a delegate to several Republican conventions. In 1947 he was appointed by Governor Bradford, and served as a member of the commission to re-district Middlesex County.

Mr. Snow was an enthusiastic member of the V. I. A. He served two complete terms on the Executive Committee, becoming President in 1919 and again in 1934. He was also active in the Tyngsboro Grange and was an ardent Mason.

Mrs. Adelbert (Gertrude Burton) Bell

Mrs. Adelbert (Gertrude Burton) Bell who died November 4, 1949, was one of the prominent citizens of Tyngsborough. She had a very friendly, cheerful disposition and will be greatly missed by her family and friends in the community.

She was a member of the Evangelical Church, the Ladies Social Circle, the Industrious Club, Tyngsborough Grange No. 222, Middlesex North Pomona Grange, Massachusetts State Grange, the National Grange, the V. I. A. and Puritan Chapter No. 54 Order of the Eastern Star.

She was for many years leader of the Brownies and is well remembered for her encouragement and help.

Mrs. Bell was always interested and a willing worker in the activities of these organizations.

Besides her husband she is survived by two sons, George and Arthur; two daughters, Helen Bell Farrow and Avis Bell Clarke and 5 grandchildren and a number of brothers and sisters.

Enlo A. Perham

Enlo A. Perham was born in Tyngsboro in 1866, and lived his entire life here.

He married Addie Jewett of Dunstable in 1896 and they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1946.

At the age of twenty-three years he served as town selectman, and he also served as school committeeman, auditor, town clerk, assessor and overseer of welfare at various times during his younger life.

He had been in the grocery business in town for almost a half century and during thirty-seven of those years, 1904-1940, he served as local postmaster.

Mr. Perham had given a scholarship to the outstanding graduate of Winslow grammar school for the past three years.

He was an attendant of the First Parish Church, a member of the Tyngsborough Grange, the Village Improvement Association, and the Pentucket Blue Lodge of Masons AF and AM.

He was an ardent baseball fan (Boston Red Sox) and a better than average bowler. He was one of the original members and the oldest of the Town Bowling League.

Tyngsborough has lost one of its most popular and well-known citizens.

Harry L. Littlehale

Harvey L. Littlehale was truly a native of Tyngsborough. He was born here in 1876, the son of John H. D. and Caroline (Mason) Littlehale. His father owned the village store and lived on Middlesex Road in the house which is now Mrs. Ethel Sargent's. He and his brother Charles were among the schoolboys employed to light and clean the street lamps for 2c a lamp. After graduation from Nashua High School he attended Bryant and Stratton Commercial College and later graduated from Northeastern University.

For over thirty years he had been affiliated with the Boott Mills as comptroller. During this time he was a daily commuter to Boston from the Tyngsborough station. His punctuality was to be noted.

On October 1, 1901 he married the former Fannie G. Holt of North Chelmsford. Shortly afterwards they built the large double house on Farwell Road, overlooking the river where he lived until his death January 21, 1950. He is survived by his wife and daughter, Olive, who are carrying on his interest in music and plays, and by a sister and brother, Mrs. Cora L. Ricketts of Glens Falls, N. Y. and Charles P. Littlehale of Lowell who played a considerable part in the early V. I. A. programs.

Mr. Littlehale had taken a great interest in the V. I. A. from its earliest beginnings. He was a charter member and among the first to pay his dues each year since. Mr. and Mrs. Littlehale served on the Executive Committee for 3 years and he was President in 1908. Their names appeared many times in the shows and entertainments for the V. I. A. Fairs. He had also served the town as a trustee of the Littlefield Library.

He was a 32° Mason and a member of William North Lodge of Lowell.

A faithful churchman, he was a member of the Evangelical Congregational Church, serving as Sunday school superintendent for many years. It was at this time that the Sunday school cabinet was formed. More recently he was a member of the Church Choir which met at his home. He was a genial and kindly host, and his ready wit brought many a smile.

The Playground

The summer playground was conducted as usual for five weeks, with an attendance varying from thirty to sixty children daily. There were four junior assistants—Constance Sargent, Ruth Wilkins, Dorothy Rich and Nancy Farrow. Mrs. Joseph Jalbert conducted craft classes where useful and ornamental articles were made from contributed material. Mrs. Carl Chaney of Dunstable instructed a large and interested group in the art of clay modeling, with special attention to miniature animal figures. Mrs. Robert Lambert introduced new games and songs to the younger group.

The tennis court was in constant use, with Vera Allen instructing the teen agers in tennis and other vigorous games.

Mrs. Milton Estabrook demonstrated flower arrangements, and a flower show was held later in the session, with the children as judges. Each exhibitor arranged his own flowers, and the show was much enjoyed.

A Treasure Hunt with gifts hidden on the playground was an exciting adventure. A costume party with the children representing a wide variety of characters was entertaining not only to the participants, but to a large audience of adults as well.

A "Mother Goose Party," a play sketchily rehearsed, was successfully staged with simple props, and received with enthusiasm by our guests.

An auction was held again this year, with the playground members as auctioneers. Enough money was realized to buy ice cream, punch, and a small gift for each child on "Party Day."

Miss Elliott was present every day with her splendid support, and Mrs. Lambert also was a wonderful helper.

Thanks are extended to all who contributed so generously time, material and prizes for the playground, especially to Mrs. Prescott Ford, who donated six children's lawn chairs.

Ruth Choate, Director

Catherine W. Lambert, Anna F. Elliott, Committee

Tyngsboro Grange No. 222

The regular meetings of Tyngsborough Grange are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.

The degree work of the grange is April 11 and April 25. We are looking forward to a large class of candidates. The Grange is well represented from every section of town.

The present officers are:

Master: George W. Shipley
 Overseer: Lillian Pineo
 Lecturer: Marion Dingle
 Steward: James Dingle
 Assistant Steward: Clarence Carlin
 Chaplain: May H. Shepherd
 Treasurer: Raymond W. Sherburne
 Secretary: Edith M. Carter
 Gatekeeper: Evelyn Herrman
 Ceres: Gladys Coughlin
 Pomona: Marjorie Sabean
 Flora: Grace Stratton
 Lady Assistant Steward: Mabel Carlin

The executive Committee is:

Earle R. Stratton, Dr. Wm. F. Slade, Chester H. Queen
 Everyone is cordially invited to join with us.

Sincerely,

George W. Shipley

Girl Scouts

Since your last V. I. A. Annual the Tyngsboro Girl Scouts, 24 in number, under the leadership of Dorothy E. Harris and Virginia Bostick, had a very busy spring.

During the Girl Scout Cookie Sale we sold nearly 600 boxes. Arlene Pelletier was the champion salesman and sold 120 boxes of cookies.

When the Grange invited us to put on a program for Young People's Night, we put on a play, "The History of the Dance" which was written by Mrs. Virginia Bostick. At the time, she worked with a group, teaching them different dance steps. It was very educational and the girls had fun rehearsing for the big night.

On May 24th the Girl Scouts had their Parents' Night and received badges for the different projects which they had completed during the year. At this meeting we were shown slides of the Girl Scout Camp Runels. In June about a dozen girls with Miss Anna Elliott, Mrs. Earle Stratton, Mrs. Roger Harris, and Miss Dorothy Harris spent a day at the Girl Scout Camp. It was a terrifically hot day and the girls were delighted to spend the afternoon swimming. Games and a picnic lunch were also enjoyed.

On Memorial Day the girls made wreathes, decorated the Town Hall, visited the cemeteries and furnished two song numbers for the exercises.

Dorothy E. Harris

Since summer vacation we have had a short scout program. Due to the fact that our very capable leaders, Miss Harris and Mrs. Bostick were unable to continue, the troop committee tried to find new leaders. Being unable to do so, the troop was not organized until December under the co-leadership of Betty Sherburne and Vera Allen. Since then we have had a successful cookie sale followed by a Christmas party.

The girls have been working on various badges: Cooking, under Mrs. Warren Allgrove; First Aid, under Mrs. Wilford Whiteley; and Bibliophile, Photography and Reader's under Betty Sherburne.

We want to thank all who have helped our organization and hope we will have more new members added to our troop.

Betty Sherburne.

Tyngsboro-Dunstable Lions Club

The Tyngsborough-Dunstable Lions Club is a unit of Lions International, one of the service clubs of the United States.

Our club, though small, is attempting some worthwhile projects. At present we are contributing to the milk fund of the Winslow School and to welfare work in the Union School. Glasses, dental care and other necessities have been provided for needy children.

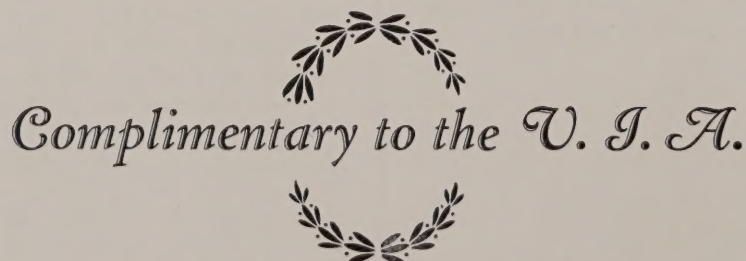
We joined the other organizations of the town in lighting the Community Tree at Christmas.

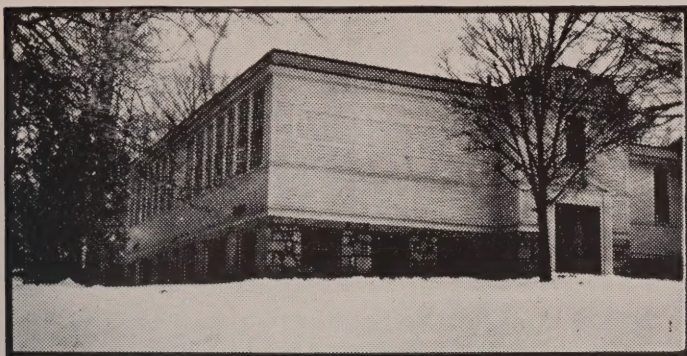
At present we are running a series of old time dances, as worthwhile entertainment for old and young, and to raise money for our work.

The club meets on the first and third Mondays at the Red Wing Diner for dinner, business and fellowship. We also could use some more members.

Respectfully,

Martin E. Betz, President
 George R. Robeson, Sec.





Ground was broken on June 14, 1948, for a new addition to the Winslow School, a move long recommended by School Superintendents. Previously re-modeled in 1915, greatly increased enrollment had overcrowded classrooms, and created a need for more room.

Building Committee members were nominated from the floor at Town Meeting, and included Roland Derby, Forrest Ames, Edward A. Moss, Berthram Singleton, (who later resigned so that he might bid on construction), and Charles Coburn, Chairman. Five architects representing five different firms were interviewed, and the firm of Perley F. Gilbert, Hunt, Forbes and Mitchell of 23 Central St., Lowell, Mass., was chosen.

The Building Committee chose the following contractors:
 Construction Berthram D. Singleton, Tyngsboro
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 Heating, Ventilating & Plumbing Edmund B. Kely Co., Lowell
 Electrical Tyngsboro Electric Service
 Venetian Blinds The Lowell Window Shade Co.
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At a cost of \$13,000, new lights and new toilets were installed in the old building, greatly improving and modernizing it. The cost of the New Addition was \$46,559.29, and is comprised of a splendid wing with two finished classrooms, and a large basement room, suitable for a classroom or gatherings of any kind. Delay in the completion of construction of the new wing held up the beginning of school until October 13th. Work was finally completed November 26, 1948, and the total cost of the New Addition and Alterations on the old building was \$59,559.29.

The New Addition has necessarily cut down on the children's play space, but the School Committee has already made plans to acquire a little more land, and to level the playground in the rear of the school to make more space available for a playground.

The Building Committee takes this opportunity to thank the parents and citizens for their splendid co-operation and patience while the school was in the process of construction.

C. H. C.

PTA—March 1949 to February 1950

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Winslow School has had many interesting and informative programs at their meetings during the past year, as well as sponsoring several money-raising projects to enable them to purchase articles for the school and school children.

The major accomplishment has been the purchase of a large steel playground slide, with financial assistance from the American Legion and the School Committee. This piece of equipment has been very popular with the children, and the PTA feels that the time and effort expended were well worth while.

To raise the necessary money the PTA sponsored a whist party in May, a bridge in June, and in October a military whist and a food sale. The support of the townspeople and other friends at these functions is greatly appreciated.

The program committee arranged for the Association to hear the following speakers during the year:

Mr. Higgins, of the State Department of Motor Vehicles, gave a lecture and showed movies on the subject "Safety on the Road."

Mr. Robert Katz, who writes and presents the "Professor Teeny" children's radio show, spoke on "Radio Programs for Children." Prior to the adult meeting, he conducted a mock radio broadcast of a "Professor Teeny" show for the entertainment of the children.

Miss Elizabeth Parker, of the Lowell Family Welfare Agency, told of the work accomplished by that office.

Other programs included a very elaborate exhibit of the work done by the children during the school year; introduction of teachers and a brief address by the new school physician and the new principal, who also showed the movie "Pop Rings the Bell"; and the Christmas program consisting of a playlet presented by the pupils under the direction of Mrs. Helen Dwyer and songs and tonette selections directed by Miss Patricia Meehan.

The officers of the club are:

1949 - 1950

President: Mr. Peter Belida

Vice President: Mrs. Carl Gray

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Jan. 3—Roberta Edith Brown—Robert and Mary Elizabeth Griffith
 Jan. 17—Thomas Hubin—John W. and Flora E. Lemay
 Jan. 18—Russell Brian Stevens—Glenn and Ruby Marinel
 Jan. 30—Marie Jeannine Elodie Langlois—Raymond and Theresa R. M. Eno
 Feb. 15—Ruth Edna LeMasurier—George and Eleanor Sullivan
 Feb. 21—Richard George Bergeron—Adelard and Mildred E. Shaw
 Mar. 3—Christina Mae Flanders—Sheldon L. and Anna A. Prowker
 Mar. 13—Anita Suzanne Richard, first twin—Edward G. and Clara Castonguay
 Mar. 13—Dianne Suzette Richard, second twin—Edward G. and Clara Castonguay
 Mar. 24—Marcia Deborah Michelson—Julius L. and Sadie Schobel
 Mar. 27—Bernard Maurice Bergeron—Ernest E. and Irene G. Cabana
 Mar. 28—Ronald Lynwood Smith—Arthur L. and Blanche Lussier
 Apr. 7—Judith Ann Lord—Leo A. and Irene T. Burgess
 Apr. 11—Charlotte Miriam Stone—Valmos V. and Charlotte L. Peaslee
 Apr. 15—Frederick Tuleja—Albert J. and Jean Snay
 Apr. 15—Susan Currier—Charles H. and Marjorie Huntley
 Apr. 24—John Paul LaRochelle—George G. and Florence E. Cote
 May 10—Raymond William Cabana—Armand Wilfred and Lucille Lillian Lemery
 May 12—Donna Jean Crowell—Elmer G. and Pauline Fallon
 May 13—Dennis Lucien Bibeault—Louis L. E. and Pearl Wilkins
 June 7—Patricia Helen Allgrove—Warren W. and Marie Wilke
 June 12—Wilkins—Harold and Mary Kearns
 June 12—Anne Marguerite Underhill—George H. and Elise Chapman
 June 19—Diane Louise Garland—Charles R. and Shirley Verry
 July 7—Donna Ann Whitney—Donald A. and Mildred V. Sabean
 July 20—Nancy Lorraine Goulet—Aime, Jr. and Jacqueline Elliott
 July 20—Kathleen Margaret Cullinan—Robert F. and Margaret Lahme
 Aug. 1—Edward Murray Keyes, Jr.—Edward M. and Ethel M. Whitney
 Aug. 2—Ann Louise Dupuis—Marcil Ethelbert and Pauline Theresa Garneau
 Aug. 10—Diane Lucille Vignola—Arthur V. and Mary E. Tierney
 Aug. 11—Kiloski—Michael and Catherine Reidy
 Aug. 13—Nora Cecelia Lynch—Charles J. and Nora C. McLarnon
 Aug. 15—Marion Alberta Davis—Earl Beckwith and Marion Elizabeth Fay
 Aug. 21—David William Price—Chester Davies and Edith Butnam
 Aug. 21—Vivier—Raymond and Rita Latoure
 Aug. 22—Gerard J. O'Coin—Charles L. and Rosemarie T. Simpson
 Aug. 26—Roger Joseph Daigle—Leo A. and Doris H. Hebert
 Aug. 27—Thomas Irvin Linscott—Thomas I. and Irene Lacombe
 Sept. 7—David Bilbert Salois—William V. and Blanche C. Charrette
 Sept. 23—Illg—Victor and Elizabeth Stevens
 Sept. 24—David Raymond Leonard—Harold C. and Doris A. Picard
 Sept. 29—David Arthur Courtemanche—Alfred E. and Rita Elaine Graham
 Oct. 22—Loretta Ann Guild—Charles W. and Elizabeth M. Erno
 Oct. 25—Judith Ann Wilson—Jack L. and Theresa B. Roy
 Nov. 5—Linda Sands Leighton—Howard H. and Rebecca E. See-kins
 Nov. 6—Joanne Linda Marinel—Charles T. and Eugenie Poznick

Nov. 7—Linda Charlotte James—Richard P. and Francette G. Demers
 Nov. 14—Elmer Gustave Dodge, Jr.—Elmer Gustave and Winona Noyes
 Nov. 18—Dennis Rodolph Ouellette—Wilfred J. and Lauretta L. Maher
 Dec. 3—Patricia Ann Cryan—Francis D. and Margaret G. Hurley
 Dec. 15—Donald Allan MacAskill—Hector D. and Ruth N. McIntosh
 Dec. 22—Sharyn Anne Pelletier—Douglas Charles and Mary Florence Davis
 Dec. 24—Marcia Carol Carkin—Ernest Roderick and Virginia Madeline Gotham
 Dec. 27—Durand—Henry and Doris Jean

Marriages

Jan. 6—Charles A. Potter and Edna M. Sherman
 Jan. 22—Joseph Harne, Jr. and Margaret Harris
 Feb. 14—Walter Lizak and Lorena Dickinson
 Apr. 4—Martin J. Brick, Jr. and Margaret Espinola
 Apr. 6—Theodore Chester Roberts and Mary Rita Sullivan
 Apr. 30—Florian Dumais and Janet Tuttle
 May 15—George Raymond Singleton and Jane Barrett Andrewa
 May 30—Douglas Charles Pelletier and Mary Florence Davis
 June 12—William J. Riley and Sheila Conlon
 June 27—Maurice H. Cobleigh and Pauline Roberts
 July 4—George E. Ford and Rheamie Nelms
 July 5—Fred William Marlowe and Lucy Norma Flint
 July 31—Leonard E. Angove and Mary Lou Douglas
 Aug. 12—Richard F. Shiner, Jr. and Maude Gotham
 Sept. 12—Roland Harvey Mercier and Rita Mary McHugh
 Sept. 19—Edward E. Nolet and Ethel H. O'Leary
 Oct. 6—George E. Shepherd and May Hannah Collins
 Oct. 9—Arthur R. Mazingo and Jeanne M. Nolet
 Oct. 10—Walter J. Makevich and Esther Coleman
 Oct. 10—William C. Moore and Florence Beryl Mellor
 Oct. 12—Harry L. Swan and Anna Ada Griffin
 Nov. 13—Alfred Francis Davis and Irene Jean Morin
 Nov. 20—Richard Albert DeCarteret and Virginia Logan
 Nov. 25—Charles H. Morrisette and Doris Dunne
 Nov. 25—Otis L. Leonard and Mary F. Tierney
 Nov. 27—Cornelius B. O'Neill and Margaret M. Jump
 Dec. 4—Ivan Murdock Hodgdon and Helen T. Moran
 Dec. 17—Arthur E. Noval and Dorothy Eckartt
 Dec. 18—James L. Smith and Christine Heacock Clow

Deaths

Jan. 11—Carrie M. Knight
 Jan. 15—Mary Agnes Robinson
 Feb. 20—John B. Lord
 Mar. 6—Pvt. Wesley Herbert Davis, Jr. (Repatriation) World War II (1945)
 Mar. 14—Herbert F. Riley
 Apr. 20—Frederick De Forest Lambert, M. D.
 May 9—Georgia M. Carter
 May 30—Grace B. Coburn
 June 16—Gail Elaine Hughes
 July 29—Alice Cecile Boucher
 Sept. 30—Carl Dunning
 Dec. 8—Alice T. Collier
 Dec. 14—Charles A. Sherburne
 Dec. 24—Squire Jagger

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 Jan. 9—Donna Mae Jankowski—Walter and Mae L. Blodgett
 Jan. 10—John Phillip Hughes—Russell O. and Dorothy F. Neary
 Jan. 15—Marie Lacourse—Aime L. and Lucille Paquette
 Jan. 18—Mary Alice Crockett—Kenneth and Elizabeth Sullivan
 Jan. 31—Kathleen Ann Wholey—Leonard C. and Margaret A. Flanagan
 Feb. 2—Ernest Robert Dupras—Ernest R. and Mary L. Smith
 Feb. 7—Kathleen Ann Brick—Martin Joseph and Margaret Anna Espinola
 Feb. 26—Theresa Amelia Bergeron—Lucien and Loretta Nadeau
 Mar. 8—Brian Daniels Pelletier—Joseph A. and Mary L. Drake
 Mar. 21—Harry Gay Gotham—John W. and Grace H. Laporte
 Mar. 25—Jill Marie McCafferty—John F. and Gilberte M. Richard
 Apr. 6—Doris Marie Bogochow—George S. and Simone Rousseau
 Apr. 11—Marie Gloria Eugenie Corcoran—Albert E. and Georgette Marcotte
 Apr. 27—Beverly Ann Langlois—Leo and Loretta Roy
 May 4—Carolyn Jean Ames—Louis F. and Marie R. Russell
 May 8—Susan Elizabeth Farrow—Harold A. and Grace S. Nickerson
 May 18—Jessemine Lucille Smith—Arthur L. and Blanche Lussier
 May 21—Richard Arthur DeCarteret—Richard A. and Virginia Logan
 June 15—Linda Gail Dunstan—Gilbert and Loretta Gagnon
 June 23—Gerald Paul Kennedy—Gerald P. and Evelyn R. Dane
 June 30—Verity Jo Reed Bostick—Winston H. and Virginia H. Lord
 July 4—Gary Edward Dean—Robert H. and Eleanor Douglass
 July 9—Linda Gail Hunter—Earl Herbert and Byrl Corrine Rice
 July 12—Janet Clare Perkins—Thomas Guy and Mary Edna Donovan
 July 14—Stillborn
 July 21—Stephen Lyle Cote—Louis R. and Marie Jeannette Pombrion
 July 28—Janice Claire Sawyer—Clyde and Gertrude C. Vivier
 July 30—Robert Wallace Drew—Wallace E. and Simone L. Beauregard
 July 30—Jean Isabella LeMasurier—George and Eleanor E. Sullivan
 Aug. 15—Armand Roland Bibeault—Lucien L. and Pearl J. Wilkins
 Sept. 7—Anthony Kisley—Anthony and Ruth E. Lorman
 Sept. 17—Marie Frances Guild—Charles W. and Elizabeth M. Erno
 Sept. 26—Carlyle Victor Hatfield—Carlyle Valentine and Muriel Elaine Neal
 Sept. 30—Wesley Herbert Buth—Woodward Keith and Ruth Albert Davis
 Oct. 4—Joyce Ann Stevens—Glenn and Ruby Marinell
 Oct. 11—Donald Wayne Dodge—Elmer Gustave and Winona J. Noyes
 Oct. 16—Wayne Darrell Singleton—B. Darrell and Willa F. Shepard
 Oct. 22—Lisa Lee Schoot—George L. and Anneliese Berg
 Oct. 25—Wilfred Dennis Joseph Mercier—Wilfred Rudolph and Yolande Page
 Nov. 12—Victor John Illg, Jr.—Victor John and Elizabeth Stevens
 Nov. 30—Arthur John Leonard—Harold and Doris Picard
 Dec. 15—Cynthia Jane Wilkins—Raymond F. and Daisy G. Gotham
 Dec. 16—Wilma M. Linscott—John and Wilma Heyworth
 Dec. 24—James Russell Spencer—Norman and Mary Porter

Marriages

Jan. 9—Leo William Ackley and Virginia Ryan
 Jan. 22—Harold O. Bell and Laura M. Brissette
 Jan. 23—Carl Vitello and Bessie M. Wyman
 Feb. 4—Frank Scimemi and Louise Carlin
 Apr. 30—Arthur Henry Beauregard and Ethel M. McDermott
 May 14—Burton Meserve Bickford and Esther Sherburne
 May 30—Hector M. Martell and Florence E. Dickey
 June 4—Pete Bau, Jr., and Madeline T. Boucher
 June 4—Bertram Robert Morgan, Jr., and Elizabeth Ann Hamilton
 June 11—George W. Shipley and Louise Christine Bowlby
 June 19—Russell W. DeCarteret and Marion G. Guild
 June 25—Hildreth Lewis Strong and Constance Louise Sherburne
 June 25—Julius W. Taylor and Lois Ann Derby
 July 2—Russell Allen Leonard and Laura Ruth Barker
 July 9—Donn J. Prendergast and Evangeline S. Todd
 July 10—Clayton W. Gagnon and Claire E. Dutton
 July 23—Joseph Roland Robarge and Eileen Cecelia O'Neill
 July 29—Luke Fortin and Dorothy Hettler
 Sept. 4—Arthur Burton Bell and Mary Alice French
 Sept. 5—Ernest G. Bouchard and Mary Ann Dove
 Sept. 18—Walter Francis Shaw and Mary M. Smith
 Oct. 9—Thomas E. Leslie and Katherine R. Scimemi
 Oct. 15—Joseph Bomal and Jacqueline E. Farrow

Deaths

Feb. 4—Judith Ann Wilson
 Feb. 6—Marie Gogain
 Feb. 14—Mary Alice Lynch
 Mar. 19—Everett M. Stearns
 Mar. 24—Joan Marinell
 Apr. 9—Annie E. Riley
 Apr. 22—Harry L. Carter
 May 15—William Downs
 May 16—William John A. Bailey
 May 29—Alfred W. Felch
 June 4—Armand A. Bibeault
 June 18—Jeremiah Boudreau
 July 14—Stillborn
 Aug. 1—James H. McGlinchey
 Aug. 8—Sister Edith S. N. D. (Mary Ahern)
 Sept. 6—Fred L. Snow
 Sept. 11—Enlo A. Perham
 Sept. 15—Murray Parrish
 Oct. 17—Herbert P. Darby
 Nov. 4—Gertrude May Bell
 Nov. 17—John J. Fenlon, Sr.
 Dec. 1—Ruby M. Lewis
 Dec. 10—George LeMasurier

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Brush Factory Village

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During the occupancy by Ingalls, the shop was partially destroyed by fire, but was rebuilt, and on moving the business to Nashua he sold to a Mr. Bacon, a plowmaker and a blacksmith. He was here but a short time when the shop was burned a second time. He then sold out to Messrs. Taylor & Souther, who built the present shop and commenced the brush and carriage making. They ran the business but a short time, however, before they failed, and the property was bought at auction by a man named Sheriff, of Boston, who sold to the firm of Washburn & Dockman, brushmakers. In a short time Dockman sold his share in the business to John M. Washburn, son of the senior partner. They ran the business for many years, when Oliver bought out his son John M. and continued the business during his life. At his death he was succeeded by his son Horace A. the present owner.

Oliver Washburn was the inventor of the "Washburn Dresser Brush," so universally used in all cotton manufactories in this country for fifty years or more, but which has, within a short time been superseded by the "slasher."

While Bacon was manufacturing ploughs, he built a storehouse which John M. Washburn moved and turned into the dwelling house just below the shop, in which he lived until he built the house now occupied by J. J. Robeson *Hugh Goodrich's*, which he occupied until his removal to Lowell in the 60's. Oliver Washburn bought the land opposite, on which stood No. 5 Schoolhouse, moved the schoolhouse up the back road *Locust Ave.* near the icehouse of H. J. Keyes, and built the house now occupied by H. A. Washburn. *This house was torn down in 1948.* He also planted the willow trees that border the lower pond and the silver poplar trees, that stand at the corner opposite the shop and house he brought from Lowell.

The large elm tree near Mrs. Coburn's house *Edward A. D. Moss's* was planted by Captain Nathaniel Holden soon after he built the house. The little schoolhouse that stands back in the corner of H. J. Keyes' pasture was built in 1860, to replace the old one up the back road, which was burned last year. *1900. This schoolhouse was remodelled by Mortimer Washburn and was his home during the latter part of his life. It is now the home of Kenneth Jordan.*

In the rear of J. J. Robeson's *Goodrich's* house is a peculiar knoll, known to the earlier inhabitants as "Moose's Nose". On this knoll, tradition says, Joe English, the grandson of Masconnomet, Sagamore of Agawam (Ipswich) was killed July 27, 1706 while acting as guard to Captain Butterfield and his wife.

The Washburn Fund

The history of the Washburn Brush Factory appears in this issue of the V. I. A. Annual. Mortimer C. Washburn, who died a few years ago, was the last survivor of one branch of the Washburn family.

With a desire to do something for his native town, by his last will he left the residue of his estate, amounting to about twelve thousand dollars, "in equal shares to the Trustees of the Unitarian Church and the Trustees of the Congregational Church of said Tyngsboro, each of said Boards of Trustees to use the portion of said residue bequeathed and devised to them at their discretion, for the benefit of the poor and needy of said Tyngsboro."

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The Tyngsborough Tuberculosis Committee is glad to report another very successful year of operation. We wish to take this opportunity to thank the townspeople for their loyal support of our annual Christmas seal sale. As usual, half of the proceeds of this campaign goes to the Middlesex Health Association for state and federal work in research and education. The other half of the proceeds remains in the community and is administered by the local committee. Patch tests were given to all new pupils at Winslow School. A scholarship was set up with which Mrs. Helen Dwyer took some courses in Health at Boston University summer school. This experience has greatly enriched her teaching of Health to the upper grades.

Our big project this past year was the free chest x-ray program. The mobile x-ray unit was set up at the Town Hall for two days in October and was available to residents of Tyngsborough and Dunstable. We are proud to report that our community stood among the highest in percentage of those x-rayed. There were 690 x-rays taken; out of these there was no active tuberculosis and only two suspects. We are very grateful to the State for giving us this opportunity for free chest x-ray.

Mrs. Milton Estabrook	Mrs. Curtiss L. Lustig, chairman
Miss Irene Mitchell	Mrs. Wilford Whiteley, sec.-treas.
Mrs. F. Kenfield Smith	Mrs. Catherine Lambert
	Mrs. John Riley
	Mrs. George Bell

Industrious Club

The Industrious Club meets on the second Thursday of each month from ten to four o'clock with dinner at noon. We have held our regular meetings, except in July when we chartered a bus and took a trip to Salem Willows for the day.

We give donations to the Red Cross, Community Chest, Medical Centre, March of Dimes, and at Christmas a donation is sent to the Children's Home in Lowell. Flowers are sent to the sick, as well as cards.

The officers are as follows:

President: Louise Downs
Vice President: Ethel Sherburne
Secretary and Treasurer: Ethel Sargent

There are no dues, just a floral collection is taken. New members are welcome to join at any time, and visitors are always welcome.

Ethel M. Sargent, Secretary

Bird Notes

*"And now the woods are gay:
With carols clear
The singing birds proclaim
That spring is near."*

By request of many of the scholars, the route followed on the annual Winslow School bird walks lay on the east side of the town, across the bridge and along the river bank. Nearly all of the nesting birds had arrived, and could be seen at close range at the feeding stations and bird baths that attract visitors at all seasons.

Fifteen girls and eleven boys received awards for a total of fifty occupied bird houses, and small prizes were given to one hundred and thirty five pupils for lists of birds observed and identified.

Brief papers on Bird Behavior, based on personal observation, were read at the combined Educational Aid and Bird Night of Tyngsborough Grange, which sponsors nature study in the school. Writers of the anecdotes chosen were Sandra Bergeron, Nelson Chute, Maureen O'Hare, Joanne O'Hare, Joyce Shipley and Donald Wells. On exhibition was an interesting chart of state birds, painted by June Belida. The Grange Committee appreciates the cooperation of the Winslow staff.

Winter is a good time to begin the study of birds, as they may be easily seen on bare branches, and storms drive them close to human habitation for shelter and food. From a kitchen window these species have been observed: chickadee, junco, white breasted nuthatch, downy and hairy woodpeckers, blue jay, tree sparrow, English sparrow, starling, crow, brown creeper, pine siskin, evening grosbeak, herring gull. Some of them will fly north come spring, but many will remain to rear their broods. Wherever they may be, they will earn their "keep" by their destruction of harmful insects and weed seeds.

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The 4-H Clubs

In 1949 there were two 4-H clubs in town, one in the center with Mrs. Alvin Choate as leader and the second on the East side of town, the Clover Club, led by Mrs. James Dingle. In the spring the two clubs attended a regional rally in Pepperell. We all enjoyed a day of songs, games and renewing acquaintances.

In April an exhibition was held at the Winslow School where the articles made by the children were judged by Mrs. Cossette Kane and an impartial judge from Lowell, after which Mrs. Kane showed movies. The lack of interest shown by the parents at this time was a great disappointment to the children as well as to the judges and leaders.

In June "County Girls Day" was held at Concord. Over 500 girls from Middlesex County exhibited articles that had won prizes at their local exhibition and were now competing for State honors. There were six girls from Tyngsborough entered: Constance Sargent, Nancy Farrow, Doreen Ashley, Janet Dingle, Marion Dingle, and Gertrude Bergeron.

"County Girls Day" is an inspiration to anyone interested in young girls. All types of hand work as well as cooking, canning and interior decorating are shown. The nutrition projects are very interesting also.

The children, accompanied by a Concord resident, enjoyed a tour of historical spots in that town. Each place of interest was explained to the girls. As most of them had read of these places in history, it was quite a thrill for them.

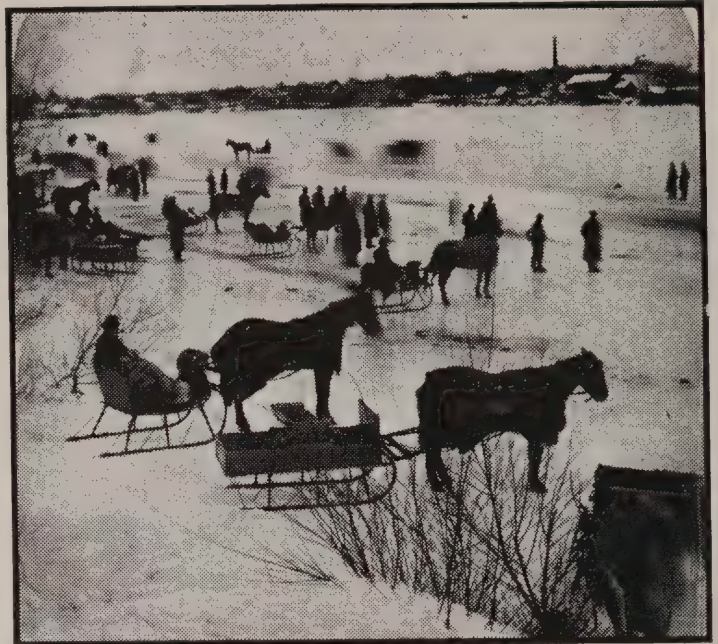
There is a Youth Service Club that any 4-H member between the ages of 15 and 21 years may join. Meetings are held twice a month, one in their home town, the other at Concord. They have a project to work on, after which square dancing is enjoyed and refreshments served. To become a member of the Service Club the boy or girl must belong to a local 4-H Club. During the year they have the opportunity to hear lectures on various professions and hobbies.

There is a need of leaders in this town and anyone interested should call or write to Mrs. Cossette Kane, 32 Everett Street, Concord.

At this time I would like to thank Mr. Charles Little for transporting the girls to Concord the past two years.

Mrs. James Dingle

Leader, Clover Club.



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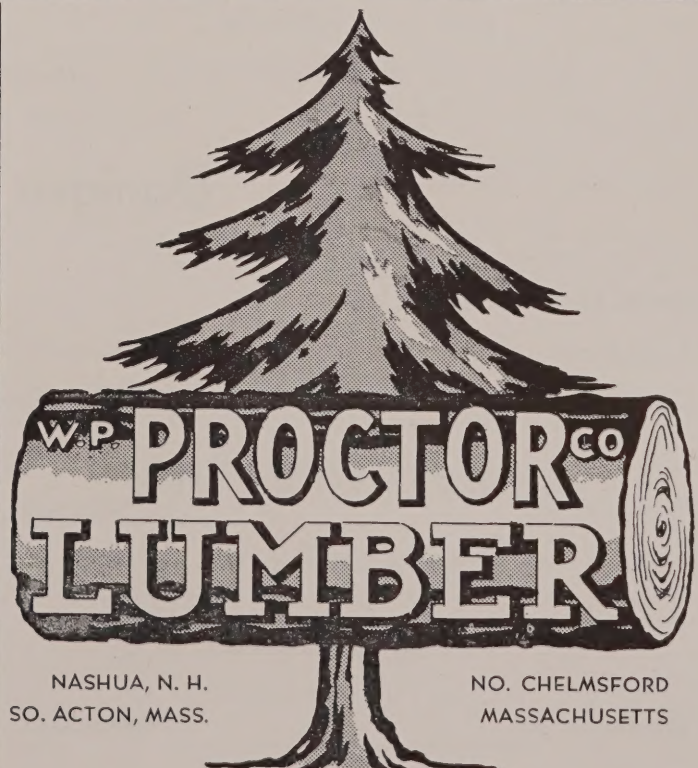
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